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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Memorandum for : The Intelligence Advisory Committee
The Chairmen, IAC Subcommittees

Subject : Status of National Security Programs
on 30 June 1956

References : (a) IAC-D-55/10, 20 June 1956 (with attachments)
(b) IAC-D-55/9 (Final), 16 August 1955

Tab A : Memorandum for DCI from Executive Secretary,
NSC, 4 June 1956

1. Tab A requests the submission by the DCI of the annual report on the status of the foreign intelligence program to the President and the National Security Council no later than 15 August. Consequently, IAC agencies and subcommittees are requested to prepare appropriate contributions, the form and content of which should be designed to satisfy the requirements outlined in Tab A.

2. In general, the nature of the material desired appears to be sufficiently described in Tab A to enable agencies and committees to prepare contributions.

3. Under present arrangements, primary responsibility for preparing the annex containing material called for by NSC action 1430 n (Tab A, last paragraph) will be assumed by the office of Mr. Richard M. Bissell, Special Assistant to the Director for Planning and Coordination, CIA [REDACTED]. Problems related to the content and coordination of that annex will therefore be channeled, at least initially, through that office rather than the IAC Secretariat.

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4. In accordance with reference (a), at least an interim three-year projection must now be completed by 15 July. The scheduling of this aspect of the annual report will therefore be handled separately from that of the balance of the annual report.

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5. The 15 August deadline for the principal portion of the annual report makes it necessary to maintain a tight schedule on contributions to and coordination of the paper, particularly because of the week required for Operation Alert and the present plan to place the item on the agenda of the IAC meeting for 7 August. We therefore would appreciate receiving all contributions to the annual report (exclusive of those items to be handled separately, as noted above) in this office no later than Friday, 13 July.

[Redacted Signature]

WILLIAM P. BUNDY
Secretary

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

Washington
June 4, 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT : Status of National Security Programs on June 30, 1956

REFERENCES: A. NSC 5525
B. NSC 5602/1
C. NSC Action 1430-n

The President has directed that the departments and agencies responsible for the several national security programs prepare annually reports on the status of those programs for the information of the President and the National Security Council. As requested by the President, these reports should emphasize primarily trends as of the reporting date in comparison with the date of the preceding report and similar dates in future years so far as they can be reasonably projected. In the reports as of June 30, 1956, the President desires that the estimated future status of the programs be projected three years ahead to June 30, 1959. Trends should be expressed in terms of an integrated appraisal of the status of each program in achieving the objectives set forth in applicable national security policies, particularly NSC 5602/1. This appraisal should take into account not only developments in the U. S. program but also developments elsewhere in the Free World and in the Soviet Bloc which affect the ability of the program to achieve policy objectives. The President has further directed that each status report be as concise as possible consistent with adequate presentation.

Accordingly, it is requested that the Central Intelligence Agency, in consultation with other departments and agencies as may be appropriate, and with the assistance of the NSC Special Staff, submit promptly by August 15, 1956, two copies of a report on the status of the foreign intelligence program as of June 30, 1956. The content of this report

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should follow the general lines of Part 7 of NSC 5525, but should include material called for by NSC Action 1430-n as a separate annex, appropriately cross-referenced where feasible to the body of the report. In the preparation of this annex it is requested that you coordinate with other interested agencies as appropriate.

/s/ JAMES S. LAY, Jr.
Executive Secretary